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DEDUCTIVE ANALYSIS OF PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE REGARDING SARY
SHAGAN LAUNCH COMPLEX A, LAUNCH SITES 5 AND 6 RESULTS IN THE CONCLUSION
THAT EACH OF THESE SITES WAS ORIGINALLY DESIGNED FOR SIX LAUNCH
POSITIONS, HOWEVER THE DESIGN CONFIGURATION WAS NEVER ACHIEVED.

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DIAMETER CIRCULAR EXCAVATIONS WERE PROBABLY MADE DURING INITIAL
CONSTRUCTION PHASE AND WERE INTENDED FOR SLAB FOUNDATIONS FOR
CIRCULAR LAUNCH POINTS SIMILAR TO THOSE FOUND IN FRONT OF MISSILE
READY BUILDINGS AT THE LENINGRAD PROBABLE AMM LAUNCH COMPLEXES.
ALSO SIGNIFICANT IS THE LOCATION OF THE CIRCULAR EXCAVATIONS WITH

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REFERENCE TO THE LOOP ROAD AND THE EXCESSIVE SPACE AVAILABLE WITHIN EACH OF THE SECURED LAUNCH AREAS. THE AVAILABLE SPACE WOULD ACCOMMODATE A TOTAL OF SIX CURVED MISSILE READY BUILDINGS, RESULTING IN A SITE PATTERN HAVING A ROW OF THREE BUILDINGS ON EACH SIDE OF THE LOOP ACCESS ROAD, BACK TO BACK, WITH A RECTANGULAR BUILDING LOCATED BETWEEN THE TWO CENTRAL MISSILE READY BUILDINGS.

THE CIRCULAR LAUNCH POINT FOUNDATION EXCAVATIONS COULD BE DETECTED AS FAR BACK AS [REDACTED] HOWEVER THE QUALITY OF PRECEDING MISSIONS DOES NOT PERMIT NEGATION. THE FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE ORIGINAL DESIGN CONCEPT FOR THE SARY SHAGAN PROTOTYPE SITES REQUIRES FURTHER ANALYSIS.

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